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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final office action mailed June 19, 2002, please cancel claim 20 and substitute therefor the following new claim 24 shown on the attached sheet. The commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this amendment to deposit account 17-0155.

REMARKS

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keen in view of Zevchak. Claims 21 - 23 are allowed. The present amendment is believed to provide additional definition of the present invention over the prior art of record. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present rejection known to the applicant and her representative.

Newly added claim 24 incorporates features from the specification found on page 20, between lines 4 and 8, into language quite similar to original claim 20. More specifically, and as noted at that section of the specification, the wait staff 310 are trained to unique costumes, catering to each individual patron, adjusting to the patron response during the event, adapting to a changing stage, understanding who or what the background is, and so forth. The end result is that the